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AS A RESULT OF THE SPC DISCUSSION OF JUNE 21 ON THE ALLIANCE
EAST-WEST STUDY REPORTED IN REFTTEL, THE CHAIRMAN HAS ISSUED
A DRAFT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL SUMMARIZING THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED WITHIN THE SPC ON THE INITIAL
APPROACH TO THE STUDY. WE EXPECT THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE
ASKED TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE REPORT DURING THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29. WE BELIEVE THE
REPORT IS SATISFACTORY AND RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED
TO ACCEPT IT. SHOULD WASHINGTON BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
GUIDANCE BY OOB JUNE 29, WE WILL ASK THAT APPROVAL OF THE
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT BE DEFERRED UNTIL JULY 1 UNDER THE
SILENCE PROCEDURE.
BEGIN TEXT.

ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS

DRAFT REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AT
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SENIOR LEVEL

AS INSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 8TH JUNE,
1977, THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS HAD PRELIMINARY
EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE OUTLINE FOR THE STUDY OF EAST-
WEST RELATIONS AND ON THE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOR
ITS PREPARATION.

2. AS REGARDS THE OUTLINE FOR THE STUDY, NOT ALL DELEGATIONS WERE IN A POSITION, PENDING THE RECEIPT OF DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS, TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO A DRAFT PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE START OF WORK IN CAPITALS ON THE STUDY, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT ON THAT PART OF THE REPORT WHICH WOULD EXAMINE TRENDS IN INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE 1980S. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS INITIAL SECTION OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

--(I) SOVIET UNION: TRENDS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, EVOLUTION IN COMMUNIST PARTY DOCTRINE AND SOVIET LEADERSHIP; DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES (INCLUDING THE NATIONALITY QUESTION); DISSIDENCE; AND ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FACTORS SUCH AS RESOURCES (PARTICULARLY ENERGY AND AVAILABILITY OF WESTERN CREDITS) AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES BETWEEN MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES. IN PROJECTING TRENDS, A LIMITED RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WESTERN BEHAVIOUR SHOULD BE USED (E.G. IN ECONOMICS, WHETHER OR NOT ACCESS TO WESTERN CREDITS, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRADE IS AVAILABLE).

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--(II) EASTERN EUROPE: TRENDS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, BOTH REGIONALLY AND COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY, INCLUDING FOR EXAMPLE, THE IMPACT OF NATIONALISM, DISSIDENCE, AND EFFECTS OF LEADERSHIP CHANGES.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE COUNCIL SO DECIDES, CAPITALS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO VOLUNTEER PAPERS ON THESE SUBJECTS WHICH COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND DRAFTING OF THE REPORT ITSELF. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT WILL MONITOR NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE FULL RANGE OF TOPICS IS COVERED. GIVEN THE PRESSURE OF TIME, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION IN THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY MID-SEPTEMBER. SEVERAL NATIONAL DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY OFFERED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS BY THEIR AUTHORITIES.

4. THE COMMITTEE WILL, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, SEEK TO FINALISE AGREEMENT ON THE OUTLINE OF THE STUDY AS A WHOLE AND WILL MAKE A FURTHER REPORT TO THE COUNCIL WHEN THIS IS DONE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE OUTLINE WOULD DESCRIBE ONLY THE PARAMETERS OF THE STUDY AND WOULD NOT NECESSARILY

INDICATE THE FORMAT, OR INDEED, CONTENT OF THE REPORT
ITSELF.

5. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY EXAMINED THE POSSIBLE ROLE
THAT EXPERTS COULD PLAY IN PREPARATION OF THE REPORT AND
WILL CALL UPON THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE NATO MILITARY
AUTHORITIES AS APPROPRIATE FOR SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

6. IT WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE
TAKEN AND RECOMMEND TARGET DATES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF

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CONTRIBUTIONS, FOR DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE AND THE
COUNCIL AND FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE DRAFT REPORT.

7. THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO STRESS ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT
THE FINAL PAPER TO BE PREPARED WOULD BE INTENDED FOR USE
BY GOVERNMENTS AND SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED "NATO SECRET". IN
VIEW OF THE DELICACY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, ITS WORK ON
THE SUBJECT WILL NEED TO BE KEPT ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL.
IT WILL, HOWEVER, CONSIDER AT A LATER STAGE WHETHER AND IN
WHAT FORM PUBLIC OPINION MIGHT BE INFORMED OF THE FINDINGS
OF THE STUDY. END OF TEXT. STREATOR

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